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Too many kids in care going missing

REPORT

Conservatives criticize practice of housing young people in hotels

Police in Winnipeg say four out of five missing persons reports they receive every month involve kids in the care of Manitoba Child and Family Services.

A report prepared for the city's police board says officers deal with an average of about 550 missing persons reports a month. Of those, 83 per cent involve kids in government care and 71 per cent are female.

Another police report prepared for the same board meeting shows the top 19 addresses associated with missing persons reports are Child and Family Services facilities.

"The vast majority of missing persons reported are short-term chronic runaways," the report says. "Most are vulnerable indigenous youth who are in the care of Child and Family Services."

The police figures also show that "habitual/chronic" missing persons accounted for almost 70 per cent of all 709 missing persons reported between April and June and that 22 people accounted for 20 per cent of the reports during those three months.

Winnipeg police are refusing to comment on the numbers until they are formally presented to the city Friday.

Federal government statistics show Manitoba had the highest number of missing persons reports involving children and youth per capita in Canada last year.

There were just over 6,400 missing persons reports involving young people — nearly twice that of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Family Services Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross said the high number of missing persons reports from government facilities says more about the complex needs of the children in care than it does about the care they receive. Sometimes a handful of "frequent flyers" can make up a large percentage of missing persons reports, she said.

But Irvin-Ross said the numbers are a worry, especially in light of ongoing concerns around the number of missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada.

> **Am I concerned about those numbers? Yes, I am, and everybody within child welfare is, too.**
> Kerri Irvin-Ross

"We need to develop relationships with these young people so if they're in crisis, they have someone to talk to," she said in an interview Tuesday.

Critics say the high numbers should be a wake-up call.

Ian Wishart, critic for the Opposition Conservatives, said a shortage of foster placements has led the province to house children in hotels for years, making it easy for them to "walk in one door and out another."

Kids, especially girls, are running away because they aren't being properly supported, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Character homes could see the wrecking ball

OSBORNE VILLAGE

Four buildings slotted for demolition

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

Character could give way to high-rise apartments in the Osborne Village area, and that is not sitting well with some residents.

Four buildings on Roslyn Street directly behind the Osborne Village Safeway are slated for demolition to make way for a proposed seven-storey, 78-unit apartment building.

Two of the homes that would be demolished are more than 100 years old, with the Dennistoun House at 166 Roslyn St. being built back in 1908, and the home at 176 Roslyn Street a 1909 building.

The city stripped Dennistoun House of historic designation back in 2009.

"I think it's ridiculous," said 20-year-old Madison Hadlow, who lives in the area.

"These are magnificent looking homes, and I think we should be trying to keep the older character look in this area, and now we are losing two more character homes."

The area is also going to get a lot busier if a seven-storey apartment building rises from the ground, said Hadlow.

"And I feel bad for the people who have lived here for a long time and have watched more and more of these condos and apartment blocks be built right around them."

The two buildings that have seen more than a century may have a lot of charm, but the caretaker of those buildings said they are both in a state of disrepair.

The caretaker, who would not give his name, said both the buildings have serious foundation problems, with one having a crack in the foundation, and said one of the buildings collects significant water in the basement anytime it rains.

He's not sure the buildings could survive much longer in their current state, or would be worth fixing.

A public meeting for the subdivision plan for the new apartment building takes place Sept. 16 at city hall.

> **I feel bad for the people who have lived here for a long time.**
> Madison Hadlow, 20

Madison Hadlow does not want to see the neighbourhood make way for a high-rise apartment building. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Woman's disappearance not related to Thelma Krull: Winnipeg police

Police investigating after a 61-year-old woman went missing from Old St. Boniface over the weekend say the case is not related to the high-profile disappearance of Thelma Krull.

Speculation the two cases could be related started spreading on social media after police asked for help tracking down Jill Tardiff Monday. Tardiff was last seen Sunday evening wearing a light coloured T-shirt with horizontal stripes, black pants, blue and white running shoes, and glasses.

Krull, 57, disappeared July 11 after heading out for a morning walk from her Harbourview South home. METRO

St. Boniface crash sends child to hospital

A boy is in critical condition after a pedestrian-vehicle collision in St. Boniface Tuesday morning.

One vehicle at the scene the scene near the corner of Marion Street and Youville Street had significant damage to the windshield.

As of Tuesday morning, police said the boy remains in hospital in critical condition. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

An officer inspects the car. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

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IN BRIEF

Aspiring teachers now have to take university math classes: Province

Just in time for back to school, Manitoba students who want to be teachers now must complete extra university-level math classes.

Education Minister James Allum made the announcement Tuesday, saying university students who want to teach early and middle years will not be required to take six credit hours of university math in order to graduate.

The University of Winnipeg has launched a further three-credit-hour math content course for education students in order to help meet the new requirement, Allum added.

A national report from the Council of Ministers of Education showed Manitoba students were dead last for math, science and reading among the provinces in 2013, based on standardized testing scores.

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Cavalia's Odysseo adds 14 shows in Winnipeg

Only a few days away from opening night, Cavalia's Odysseo has added 14 more shows to Winnipeg's run.

Producers said Tuesday the show has sold more than 35,000 tickets, so expanding the show's run was a no-brainer.

The show, which features 65 horses and 45 artists, begins Thursday and will run through Oct. 18.

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MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

Wolseley Wool owners say they are surprised by knitting's popularity with young people, such as employee Hollande Bezan. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Knitting experiences youthful resurgence

CRAFT

New generation is picking up the needles

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

If you still think knitting is just for grandmas, you're missing the point.

Over the past few years, a whole new generation of knitters have taken up the craft and the Manitoba Fibre Festival — the province's annual celebration of all things woolly — is expanding to larger digs next month to accommodate the growth.

"Fibre crafts have a timeless appeal," said the festival's co-ordinator, Margaret Brook. "People of all ages are re-discovering the joys of making beautiful things by hand."

After being held at the St. Norbert Community Centre for the last two years, the two-day festival is moving to Red River Exhibition Park.

Mona Zaharia, who co-owns Wolseley Wool with Odessa Reichel, said she was surprised by how many young people flocked to the shop when they opened a little shy of a decade ago.

"We started a knit group in the evening and I'm in my mid-40s and I kind of expected it would be people my age, but it wasn't — it was people from 18 to 65," she said. "I think the biggest thing that attracts anybody to knitting is the community."

Twenty-three-year-old Wolseley Wool employee Hollande Bezan has been knitting for three years and said young knitters are easily finding that sense of community with fellow knitters online, something she thinks may be a big part of its resurgence.

"There's a lot of blogs ... where you can post pictures of yourself wearing things you made and you can get quite a following," she said. "And also everything seems really low-quality these days, so it's nice to be able to control what you're making for yourself."

And there's one other reason Bezan thinks knitting might be taking off — it fits like a glove with another increasingly popular hobby: binge watching television.

"I can totally knit a scarf while watching Orange is the New Black," she laughed.

FESTIVAL

The Manitoba Fibre Festival runs Oct. 2 and 3 and admission is free. Go to manitobafibrefestival.com for more information.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Abused dog needs $2,000 in vet care

A pregnant dog found severely neglected and wandering northern Manitoba is in need of $2,000 worth of veterinary care.

Manitoba Underdogs Rescue says Bianca, a retriever mix, was found last week malnourished and limping.

"Bianca was rushed to Southglen Veterinary Hospital where veterinarians performed an emergency C-section in an attempt to save her puppies," the group said in a press release. "Sadly, due to malnutrition and abuse suffered during her pregnancy, all six of her puppies were stillborn."

One of her front legs will need amputation. MUR believes she was struck by a car.

"Unfortunately all of us working at Manitoba Underdogs Rescue are used to tragic stories, but Bianca's has been absolutely heartbreaking for us," said Jessica Hansen, executive director of MUR. "This poor girl has suffered through awful abuse and cruelty. She's confused. She doesn't know where her babies have gone, or what's happened to her. It's absolutely heartbreaking."

Donations to help Bianca are being accepted at Southglen Veterinary Hospital and on the Manitoba Underdogs Rescue website.

The no-kill rescue organization will also be hosting two spay and neuter clinics in Sandy Bay, Man. METRO

Bianca needs her front leg amputated. MUR/CONTRIBUTED

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SAFETY

Rain closes U of M's new fitness facility

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

A University of Manitoba facility that just opened its doors in the spring saw its doors closed for the second time this year Tuesday because of flood damage.

On Tuesday people looking to use the U of M's $59 million Active Living Centre were locked out of the fitness facility that opened back on April 7.

The U of M put out a statement that said they were dealing with issues related to seepage in the building's basement following recent rainstorms, and said the facility would not be reopened until inspections deemed it safe to do so.

A representative for the U of M said Tuesday was the second time that problems from rain have forced the closure of the building.

A number of people were seen trying to get into the locked building Tuesday, and some took to the social media complain about the closure.

"This is incredibly disappointing," commented one person on Reddit.

"I LOVE working out there but it's unacceptable that it's still not open. After the delays and problems at opening last year it really needs to be open right now for returning students."

REOPENING

A representative with the U of M said she expected the facility to be open on Wednesday.

This U of M student tries to open the door to the university's Active Living Centre on Tuesday. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Sturgeon Creek resident Laurie Farser is one of the neighbours affected, saying: "It's absolutely crazy." SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Repairs started on Ness Avenue sinkhole

CONSTRUCTION

Project should take two weeks, but can't come soon enough

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Work is underway to fix a giant sinkhole that has left part of Ness Avenue in the Sturgeon Creek area closed since last week and caused traffic headaches for neighbours.

The busy roadway has been closed to traffic in both directions between School Road and Valley View Drive since heavy rains Friday caused a land drainage sewer to collapse on the southwest corner of Ness Avenue at Sturgeon Creek.

"It's a little concerning," said Matt Wawrin, who can look out his front window on Alcott Street and see the sinkhole.

While he's not worried about a second hole swallowing his home — he's had people come by to make sure it won't — Wawrin said he isn't looking forward to the traffic tie-ups while the road is closed and hopes work to fix the hole might mean plans to build a new bridge over the creek, which been slated to start in January, will now get going sooner.

> **"I will absolutely not get used to it, I'll have to take all my knick-knacks down.**
> Laurie Farser, on her house shaking with the traffic

"They're going to have to do a bunch of work anyways, so why not start now?"

And it's not just those living directly around the hole who are feeling the effects.

Laurie Farser, who lives a few blocks away on Wharton Boulevard, said her street has seen up to 75 per cent more traffic since the barricades went up.

"It's absolutely crazy, the whole house is shaking — even the basement shakes — when a bus or a big truck goes by," Farser said.

"I will absolutely not get used to it, I'll have to take all my knick-knacks down."

A spokesperson for the city said repairs to the sinkhole should take around two weeks to complete, but added the bridge project can't start early because designs aren't finalized.

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B.C. vows $1M for refugees

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Premier says supports must be in place

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia will set aside $1 million to help support Syrian refugees who manage to make their way to the province, Premier Christy Clark announced at a news conference Tuesday.

While the province doesn't have any say over how many refugees it can accept, Clark said it will be ready to help with services such as trauma counselling, language skills and job placements should the federal government accept more people.

"It's just not good enough to only open our doors, we have to make sure that when refugees get there we're doing everything we can to help them achieve the Canadian dream and find their home as seamlessly as possible into British Columbia society," Clark said.

The fund, which will be distributed through community groups and churches, was created after the outpouring of support for Syrian refugees in response to the photograph of three-year-old Alan Kurdi's body washed ashore on a Turkish beach.

His death brought the ongoing crisis home for British Columbians, as the little boy's family was trying to find a way to B.C., Clark said, tearing up as she spoke of his tiny figure on the sand. Thousands have since expressed the desire to help sponsor refugees.

Clark didn't wade into the political debate over how many refugees the federal government should accept, but argued all provinces should have the same power as Quebec to determine how many refugees they can take in.

Last year B.C. welcomed about 36,000 immigrants, including 1,528 refugees. Clark said it would be great to see both numbers go up.

"(The Kurdis) didn't die because they were anything but unlucky enough to live in a country wracked by war," Clark said. "As Canadians we are incredibly lucky, and as Canadians we have an opportunity, and I would argue a uniquely Canadian duty, to share the luck."

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark became emotional while announcing a plan to help Syrians settle in the province and 'achieve the Canadian dream.' DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ELECTION 2015

Poll: Yes to deficit

Justin Trudeau may have taken a gamble when he announced the Liberals would run deficits if they form the next government. But it's a gamble that could well pay off, if the results of a new poll are any indication.

A poll conducted by Forum Research last week found that only a minority of voters believe the government should focus on balancing the books during a slow economy.

The Conservatives and NDP have both made balancing the budget the cornerstone of their economic plans. But last month Trudeau struck out on his own and said a Liberal government would run modest deficits until 2019. That platform move could be good news for Trudeau.

Just 18 per cent agreed that the government's best strategy during tough economic times is to "impose austerity and cut spending to eliminate deficits." But nearly half — or 45 per cent — agreed that it's better to invest in infrastructure.

And 44 per cent approved of Trudeau's plan to run deficits for three years after the election, while 38 per cent disapproved.

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More refugees landing with plans to reach EU

SYRIA CRISIS

Hungary speeds up work on fence to block them

Hungarian authorities on Tuesday began busing weary migrants and refugees to a nearby registration centre, defusing some tensions at Hungary's southern border with Serbia. But the human tide hardly ebbed, with a steady stream of people seen trying to approach Hungary, their gateway into the European Union.

Hungary has made frantic and confused efforts to control the huge number of migrants transiting the country as they try to reach Germany, leaving many trapped for days outside the border village of Roszke and furious at their treatment by Hungarian authorities. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced fresh efforts to complete a fence to keep the refugees out.

The UN refugee agency, meanwhile, said it is concerned about the lack of proper reception facilities in the border area and that humanitarian aid needs to be stepped up there.

Babar Baloch said Tuesday that "the border police are not trained to deal with the refugees."

"When people come in you need to receive them properly. There are women and children and they are just kept in the open. Temperatures are going down as well so we need to have a system where these people receive proper care," he said.

Earlier in the day, refugees anxious to pass through Hungary who were frustrated at being trapped behind a police line began pushing and police shoved back. One man was hurt in a stampede.

"We've been here for two days and the Hungarian government only brings one bus?" said a Syrian man, who gave only his first name, Ali. "We're asking to go back to Serbia and they are not giving us this right. We're asking to go to Budapest and they are not giving us this right. Why? Why?"

Despite the efforts of volunteers offering water and some clothes, there were few amenities at the border. The area was strewn with garbage and more people could be seen walking along railroad tracks in Serbia on their way to Hungary. Many slept outdoors in a field during a cold night.

At Budapest's Keleti train station, refugees were being allowed to board trains bound for Austria and Germany. In many cases, they were segregated from other passengers and told they could only enter certain carriages.

The queue of people waiting to board a train to the West was backing up, with about 300 people waiting for the next train Tuesday afternoon.

Almost all of those passing through Hungary are hoping to reach Germany or other Western European countries with generous welfare benefits and open asylum regulations. Almost none wish to remain in Hungary, which is seen as unwelcoming and does not have the same opportunities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **We're asking to go to Budapest and they are not giving us this right. Why?**
> Ali, a Syrian

A woman arrives on a dinghy after crossing from Turkey to Lesbos island, Greece, Tuesday. The island of 100,000 residents has been transformed by the sudden infux of some 20,000 refugees, mostly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MILITARY

Russia reacts to Bulgaria flight ban

Russia on Tuesday lashed out at Bulgaria over its refusal to allow Russian cargo planes bound for Syria to fly over its territory, saying the move has cast doubts on the nation's independence.

The angry statement comes amid signs of a Russian military build-up in Syria that has raised U.S. concerns. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov alleged that Bulgaria and Greece are facing pressure from Washington.

Bulgaria's Foreign Ministry earlier said the country is refusing to allow Russian military transport aircraft to fly through its airspace en route to Syria from Sept. 1-24. It said without elaboration that the reason for the refusal was "incorrect information" about the purpose of the flights and the cargo.

On Monday, Greek Foreign Ministry spokesman Constantinos Koutras said the U.S. has asked Greece to cancel overflight permission for flights headed to Syria. He said Athens is examining the request.

"If they make some restrictive or banning measures at American request, that raises a question about their sovereign right to make decisions about foreign planes crossing its airspace," Bogdanov said, according to the Interfax news agency. "If our Greek and Bulgarian partners have any doubts, they must explain what's the problem." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPACE MISSION

Astronauts hoping to watch The Martian while in orbit

The book The Martian is earning high praise from space, and the astronaut-reviewer can't wait to see the soon-to-be-released movie.

NASA astronaut Kjell Lindgren said Tuesday from the International Space Station that both he and crewmate Scott Kelly have read the novel by Andy Weir. Lindgren told reporters he really enjoyed the book and hopes to get a copy of the film beamed up to orbit on Oct. 2, the day of release, or shortly thereafter.

The astronauts chatted with the star of the film, Matt Damon, last month by phone. They called the actor — who portrays fictional astronaut Mark Watney, who's mistakenly left for dead on Mars — while he was touring Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"That was a neat conversation," Lindgren recalled during a space-to-ground news conference. "It was certainly fun for us."

Kelly — who's almost halfway through a yearlong space station stay — said it's difficult to compare his experience in orbit with a Mars trip.

"For the folks who go to Mars, especially the first time, it's going to be such an incredible destination and event that they're going to be really psyched up for getting there," Kelly said. "I'm not saying I'm not psyched up for the rest of this. But in some ways, almost being halfway through, a lot of what we're going to be doing is very similar to what we've already done." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Famed former NYPD officer running for office

The former New York City policeman immortalized for blowing the whistle on police corruption in the 1973 film Serpico is running for office in a small upstate New York town.

The 79-year-old Frank Serpico said he's eyeing a seat on the town board of Stuyvesant in Columbia County. Serpico is critical of the town's Republicans and calls it a place where "if the ticks don't get you, the politics will." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dentist who killed Cecil back at work

A Minnesota dentist who killed Cecil the lion returned to work Tuesday after weeks away, walking silently into his small dental practice, past swarming media and a handful of protesters calling for him to be sent to Zimbabwe to face trial.

Walter Palmer had largely retreated out of the public eye since he was identified as Cecil's Killer in July, offering little insight into the hunt that catapulted his name onto the world stage until a Sunday, when he defended the kill and announced his plan to return to work.

Some of the uproar bubbled up shortly after sunrise Tuesday as a security guard whisked Palmer into the clinic, past reporters shouting questions and a protester repeatedly yelling "Extradite Palmer!"

Palmer walked from a nearby street where police had blocked off traffic, meeting the guard in the parking lot of his Bloomington practice and rushing through a door covered in messages reading: "Justice for Cecil" and "May you never hunt again." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pope fast-tracks new annulments

DIVORCE

Church will overhaul rules for dissolved marriages

Pope Francis radically reformed the process for annulling marriages Tuesday, overhauling 300 years of church practice by creating a new fast-track annulment and doing away with an automatic appeal that often slowed the process down.

The move, which came a week after he said he was letting all rank-and-file priests grant absolution to women who have had abortions, was further evidence of his desire to make the church more responsive to the needs of ordinary faithful.

The new law on annulments goes into effect Dec. 8, the start of Francis's Holy Year of Mercy, a yearlong jubilee during which the Pope hopes to emphasize the merciful side of the church. It will speed up and simplify the annulment process by placing the onus squarely on bishops around the world to determine when a fundamental flaw has made a marriage invalid.

A Catholic needs a church annulment to remarry in the church, and a divorced Catholic who remarries civilly without one is considered an adulterer living in sin and is forbidden from receiving Communion.

The Communion issue is at the centre of debate at the upcoming synod of bishops, a three-week meeting that gets underway in October. Progressive bishops favour a process by which these Catholics could eventually have access to the sacrament if they repent; conservatives say there can be no such wiggle room and that church teaching is clear that a marriage is indissoluble.

Catholics have long complained that it can take years to get an annulment, if they can get one at all. Costs can reach into the hundreds or thousands of dollars for legal and tribunal fees.

"With this fundamental law, Francis has now launched the true start of his reform," said Monsignor Pio Vito Pinto, the head of the Roman Rota, the church's marriage court. "He is putting the poor at the centre and asking for bishops to have a true change of heart."

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CONTEXT

Speedy separations

Previously, most people seeking annulments needed to go before a three-judge panel unless a regional bishop's conference gave a bishop permission to hear the case or to appoint one judge to handle it. The new law makes that an immediate option, meaning annulments should be easier to obtain in dioceses without enough priests.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Jailed clerk released, lionized

The Kentucky county clerk who was jailed for refusing to issue marriage licences to gay couples was released Tuesday after five days behind bars, emerging to a tumultuous reception from thousands of cross-waving supporters.

"I just want to give God the glory. His people have rallied, and you are strong," she told the crowd after stepping outside, her arms raised like a victorious boxer, to the blaring Rocky theme song Eye of the Tiger. She added: "Keep on pressing."

Her lawyer refused to say whether she would defy the courts again.

"Kim cannot and will not violate her conscience," said Mat Staver, founder of the Liberty Counsel, the Christian law firm representing Davis. As for whether she will issue licences, Staver said only: "You'll find out in the near future."

The Rowan County clerk whose jailing helped make her a hero to the religious right walked free after the federal judge who ordered her locked up lifted the contempt order against her, saying he was satisfied that her deputies were fulfilling their obligation to grant licences to same-sex couples in her absence.

Rowan County clerk Kim Davis with Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee. JONATHAN PALMER/THE COURIER-JOURNAL

But U.S. District Judge David Bunning also warned Davis not to interfere again.

As the news spread, a crowd of dozens of supporters who had gathered on the jailhouse lawn for a previously scheduled rally swelled.

They broke into Amazing Grace and God Bless America and waved signs, flags and large white crosses.

She emerged next to Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and her husband, who was in blue dungarees and a straw hat. Huckabee and fellow GOP White House candidate Sen. Ted Cruz visited her in jail just after the decision came down.

"If somebody has to go to jail, I'm willing to go in her place. I believe that," said Huckabee, a former Baptist minister and Arkansas governor.

He added: "She has shown more courage than any politician I know. She not only said something, she was willing to put her life at risk."

Davis was locked up on Thursday for the boldest act of resistance by a public official yet to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that effectively legalized gay marriage across the nation.

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GENDER INEQUALITY

UN agency fights for global wage parity

A UN agency is mounting a worldwide campaign for equal pay for women, who get 24 per cent less than men on global average and around 30 per cent less for those in Asia.

Recent estimates by the International Labor Organization indicates gender inequality in employment across Asia alone is costing $45 billion a year, with 45 per cent of working-age women outside the labour force compared to 19 per cent for men, the leader of the UN Women agency, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, told a forum at the Asian Development Bank headquarters.

> **This is one of the issues we are putting to the heads of state.**
> Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

She said if female employment were to match male employment, per capita GDP would rise 19 per cent in Southeast Asia and 27 per cent in the Middle East and North Africa.

"We are definitely going to go on a major campaign on equal pay — this is one of the issues we are putting to heads of state, we are also putting that to private sector," she said. "The issue of equal pay is paramount because we have to win some battles in order for women to be in a position to believe that we're making progress."

UN Women is pushing for the implementation of a standalone goal on gender equality and empowerment for women and girls known as Goal 5 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to be launched at the United Nations at the end of the month.

ADB President Takehiko Nakao said while the Asia-Pacific region has made progress on gender equality in some areas, it falls short in other areas.

"We must address challenges in areas such as maternal health and employment by creating decent jobs, and ensuring wage parity so women and men, girls and boys reach their full potential," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Investors not worried about market volatility: CIBC

So who is panicking amid the current volatility on global equity markets? Apparently not most Canadian retail investors, according to a new CIBC survey. CIBC says the survey, conducted Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, found 85 per cent of Canadian investors polled didn't panic during the dramatic ups and downs. The online poll was conducted among 1,504 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Angus Reid panellists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The ride-share service's headquarters in San Francisco. Despite the recent announcement, Canada's chapter maintains its current insurance policies are adequate, offering $5 million in commercial automobile coverage on the uberX platform.
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Uber, Intact team up to insure drivers

ON-DEMAND ECONOMY

Partnership aims to cover the sharing economy

One of Canada's largest auto insurance providers is teaming with Uber to create products tailored for the ride-hailing service, after concerns emerged that some insurance policies may not cover drivers using their personal vehicles for commercial gain.

Intact Financial Corp. said it is also working with insurance regulators and various levels of government in provinces where Uber is available to ensure the products that it develops are in line with regulatory requirements.

The insurer said it was too early to provide details about the products, which it plans to market under the Intact and Belairdirect brands.

"With the growing popularity of the sharing and on-demand economy, we are adapting our product range to offer innovative solutions to meet the changing needs of consumers," Louis Gagnon, president of service and distribution at Intact Financial Corp., said in a statement.

Questions began swirling around Uber's insurance policies after the Alberta government said in July that it had determined the policies do not meet the requirements of the province's Insurance Act.

> **We are adapting our product range to offer innovative solutions.**
> Louis Gagnon, Intact

Uber Canada has argued that its insurance policies are adequate. A spokeswoman for the company said in July that every ride on the uberX platform is backed by $5 million of commercial auto insurance, which covers both bodily injuries and property damage stemming from a crash.

"The bottom line is this: every ride on Uber is insured," spokeswoman Susie Heath said in an email at the time.

However, the Insurance Bureau of Canada has recommended that drivers who work for Uber call their insurance providers to verify that their vehicles are insured for commercial use.

The industry group, which counts Intact as a member, noted that some policies only provide coverage for personal automobile use and insurers could reject a claim if the vehicle is used to generate income.

Intact Financial is Canada's largest provider of property and casualty insurance, collecting $7.5 billion in premiums annually through its various subsidiaries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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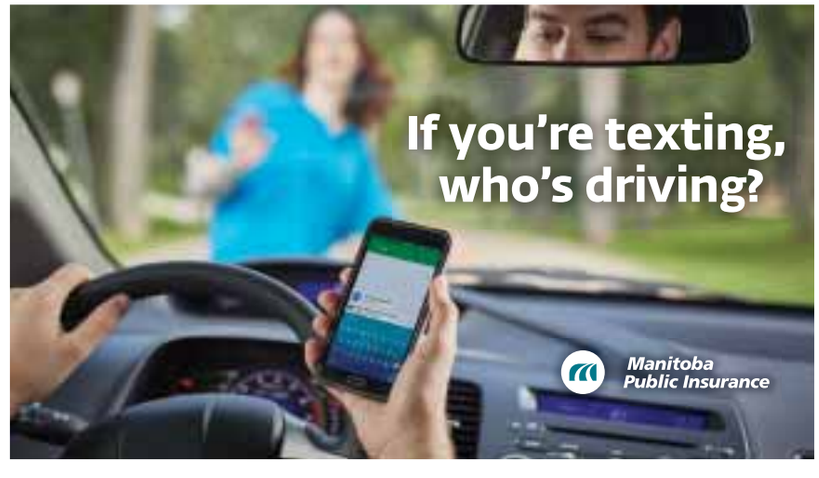

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

I've been away at school for four days. Already my mom and aunt have left me like 10 messages. My plan is pay-as-you-go. Is it rude to have your voice mail tell people not to leave long messages, or not to leave a message at all?

Dear Ellen,

I just left home for the first time to go to school, and part of the deal is I have to pay for my own cellphone with a part-time job, which is fine — I'm happy to be independent but I've only been away four days and already my mom and my aunt have left like 10 voice messages and my cellphone plan is pay-as-you-go but I feel like I'm paying just to hear their messages and return their calls which I think is unfair but is it rude to have your phone message tell people not to leave long messages or not to leave a message at all cuz obviously I can see that they called?

Adele in Ottawa

Dear Adele,

Wow, I don't know where to begin — with your predilection for unpunctuated, run-on sentences or your mother's predilection for helicopter parenting. And what's with the aunt? You don't sound like a person who needs this much supervision. You're attending post-secondary school and paying your own cellphone bills. Kudos! (That's not a misspelled endorsement, though I hear they're not bad). And you are obviously a polite and considerate person, if you are taking the time to inquire about the proper treatment of adults who are persecuting you with their overly controlling concerns though to be fair I suppose we have to credit mom and the aunt for instilling that politeness in you in the first place oh no now you've got me doing the run-on sentence thing it's like a deadly spiral in whose grip I'm mindlessly mixing metaphors and losing all sense of punctuation must hit return key NOW—

The helicopter parent will always tell you to be honest and stand up for yourself, not to be afraid to set boundaries, etc. But they don't believe you should follow this advice toward them.

OK. Adele. There is nothing rude about an outgoing message that asks callers to text rather than leave a voice mail. In fact, by tacitly reminding callers that you can glance at a text message in a nanosecond and respond in another nanosecond without having to dial into your voice mail, wait for all the prompts and listen to someone laboriously state the obvious (i.e., they just called you and they want you to call them back), you'd be doing your contacts the courtesy of telling them how best to reach you. Of course, most people under the age of 40 will already know not to leave a voice-mail message, so clearly you'd be targeting certain female relatives, who I'm assuming are over the age of 40. But they likely won't realize the message is meant specifically for them, so it's OK.

Having said that, I think we both know it won't work. Helicopter parents — and their loyal sidekicks, helicopter aunts — will always tell you to be honest and stand up for yourself, not to be afraid to set boundaries, etc. But they don't actually believe you should follow this advice toward *them*.

The important thing is they raised a good kid in you, and they can't help who they are. Helicoptering is more addictive than meth, and they're going through agonizing withdrawal right now. They can't think straight.

So be kind. Calm them down by calling them unbidden once in a while. Commit to a VoIP call at least once a week.

And try to use more punctuation.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Now I'm engaged, and I find loneliness has gone nowhere

In May, Briony Smith wrote an article for Chatelaine about the loneliness of the single life.

When I read it, I thought: "I could have written that, or something like that, only a year ago." During a six-year stretch of singledom, I'd done my best to define myself in the world on my own terms, as a lone woman, only to continually face the fact that deeper happiness, on my terms, required love.

Even when I have a husband, a dog and some kids, loneliness will come stand quietly behind me and blow at my neck: Remember me?

But now I'm engaged, and I find loneliness has gone nowhere. It still wafts into the day like a cold draft, startling me.

The man I'm going to marry lives in the U.S., and the comfort of his love doesn't mute the echo of a day spent alone. It doesn't sweep away the extra space that I feel all around me, in a busy park on a hot day, eating watermelon on a blanket, by myself.

I started to wonder if I'd always felt alone — and yes, I have. As a child, as a teenager, off-kilter among friends, as if we were looking in the same direction and seeing different things.

Loneliness sat beside me before the fireplace in my family home and hung around the studio apartment I moved into, like faint dust in the air. It seemed present in every stone cranny of expansive London and grew bolder in Colombia, a three-month blip of learning, alienation and regret. It blossomed back in small Victoria when I had no job or prospect of one. It tagged along to Toronto and has come and gone like sun behind clouds.

I am beginning to believe I should be getting used to it. That even when I have a husband, a dog and some kids, loneliness will come stand quietly behind me and blow at my neck: Remember me?

In recent years, both the Guardian and Globe and Mail have warned of a loneliness crisis. A New York-based writer is publishing a book on the emotion next year. But if loneliness is pervasive, that is not new. If this is the Lonesome Valley, it's been that way, probably, forever.

And isn't that the ultimate relief? As a woman said to me last week: you're never the only one. Even if you are walking by yourself.

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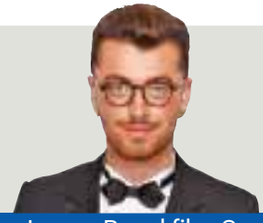

Sam Smith surfaces as singer of theme song for new James Bond film Spectre

5 DAYS OF SANDWICHES

Back to school? More like back to packed lunches! Have no fear, Ricardo magazine has done all the work so you don't have to. Here's a week's worth of inspiration for that perennial midday meal. Find a month's worth of sandwiches and detailed recipes at ricardocuisine.com/lunches. **PHOTOS AND TEXT COURTESY RICARDO MAGAZINE**

Chicken, grape and nut

A wink at Waldorf salad, this lunchtime delight takes a chicken salad mix — diced cooked chicken, finely chopped green onions, Greek yogurt, mayo, salt and pepper — and adds some quartered red seedless grapes, chopped toasted pecans and whole-grain mustard. Stuffed into a ciabatta roll, it's simply magnificent.

Crunchy vegetable and veggie pâté

This is the perfect choice when you're craving that fresh-veggie crunch. Thinly slice some English cucumber, radishes and celery. Combine and season. Spread mayo on two slices of country bread. On the bottom piece, layer slices of our Veggie Pâté (see ricardocuisine.com for the recipe). Pile on the vegetables, then close with the top slice.

Cold pork roast

Mix mayo, whole-grain mustard and chopped chives together. Spread on toasted slices of country bread, and layer lettuce and thin slices of cold roast pork (find our mouth-watering recipe at ricardocuisine.com).

Chicken and wild rice salad

This recipe is all about texture. Cook some wild rice in salted water for about 50 minutes or until tender. Add chopped dried cranberries and cook for another 5 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Combine with cooked diced chicken, sour cream, mayo and chopped chives, then stuff into pita bread with some lettuce leaves.

Nordic shrimp

Combine cooked Nordic shrimp, cubed green apple, sliced green onion, chopped fresh tarragon, mayo, salt and pepper in a bowl. Cut a fresh, buttery croissant in half and place a lettuce leaf inside. Pile on the delicious shrimp salad and close the croissant.

TAKE IN THE OUTDOORS

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Tacos, meet seaweed

TEX-MEX

Asian-fusion that packs a crunch

Can you handle just one more Asian-fusion taco?

You're rolling your eyes. But what if it's one that's easy enough and delicious enough to truly be worth making at home?

Truth is, most of the popular Tex-Mex-Asian blends have been produced in food trucks and brick-and-mortar joints that are far flung from most North Americans (because though Los Angeles and New York City hate to admit it, the vast majority of North America doesn't live in either city).

The result is that most folks only get to read about the deliciousness that is Asian flavours packaged in a Tex-Mex-friendly delivery system.

So the goal was to break down those flavours into something easily reproduced at home.

And the end result: beefy seaweed taco with jalapeno-jicama slaw.

Let's start with the beefy. For a bold steaky flavour, go with flank.

But you may want as much Asian savoury goodness as possible, so rather than cook it whole, thinly slice it across the grain, then give it a bath in a blend of fish sauce, soy sauce and toasted sesame oil. It takes just a couple minutes in the pan to give the sear you want.

The steak gets piled on top of that ubiquitous green of lower rung sushi joints — seaweed salad.

You know you love it, even if it is dyed fluorescent green.

You'll find it at most Asian markets (and many natural foods grocers sell non-coloured versions).

On top of that goes a quick slaw made from crunchy jicama tossed with citrus juice and jalapenos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You may want as much Asian savory goodness as possible.

Taco Tuesdays just got a little more awesome.
MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE TRY THIS AT HOME

Beef Seaweed Tacos With Jalapeno-Jicama Slaw

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

Ingredients:
- 3 Tbsp fish sauce
- 3 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 lb flank steak
- 1 cup jicama, cut into matchsticks
- 1 jalapeno, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- Eight 6-inch corn tortillas
- 1/2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 cup seaweed salad
- 1/2 cup crumbled queso fresco or blanco cheese

Directions

Heat the oven to 200 F.

In a large bowl, whisk together the fish sauce, soy sauce, 1 tablespoon of the sesame oil and the sugar. Slice the steak across the grain into very thin strips, then add to the fish sauce mixture. Toss to coat evenly, then set aside for 10 minutes.

In a medium bowl, toss together the jicama and jalapenos, then add the orange and lime juices. Toss again to coat. Taste, then season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Stack the tortillas and wrap them in foil. Set the packet in the oven to warm.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of sesame oil. Use tongs to remove the meat from the marinade, letting as much liquid as possible drip off back into the bowl and reserving the marinade. Transfer the steak strips to paper towels and lightly pat dry. Add the dried steak strips to the skillet and cook only until just barely seared, about 1 minute.

Whisk the cornstarch into the reserved marinade, then add the mixture to the skillet and cook for another minute.

Remove the warmed tortillas from the oven. Spread a spoonful of the seaweed salad, then top with strips of steak. Top with jicama-jalapeno slaw, then finish with sprinkle of the cheese.

Serve immediately.

Putting the fun into fungi

MUSHROOMS

'Tis the season for these tasty treats full of vitamin D

Theresa Albert
For Metro Canada

Foraging for mushrooms is the most dangerous outdoor activity of the season. But I am intrepid and my grandpa was eccentric and showed me how to pick and cook puffballs. Fair warning: this is a tale of courage to not replicate. You should only forage with an experienced guide.

Puffballs grow on the lawns of wide-open spaces. The edible ones are bigger than four inches long and are much heavier than they look. They are smooth skinned and pale brown on the outside but solid, firm marshmallow white through the interior. Species with gills or tough elephant-like skins are poisonous. The ones I found were just like the ones grandpa showed me. So I did it! I picked and prepared and let my eyes roll back in my head — with the ecstasy of taste, not the disaster of poison.

All mushrooms:
- Contain high amounts of trace minerals
- Contain vitamins D and B
- Contain the beta glucan starch similar to that in oats in that helps manage cholesterol
- Are very porous with high water content and will absorb any flavour you throw at them
- Need to be cooked in a heavy pan on very high heat with ample butter and minimal mushrooms. If they are crowded, they steam to grey mush.

This time of year, farmers' markets are full of wild and cultivated species so you won't have to risk your life on the wisdom of gramps.

Theresa is a food and health expert and nutritionist who loves to spread the word on food

LIQUID ASSETS

White isn't just for summer

With summer drawing to a close, many of you are probably packing away your white pants and, unfortunately, slowing down your white wine intake.

Though some reds can come across bland at best and flabby at worst when sipped in the heat, the refreshing flavours of whites are a joy no matter the weather.

White blends have been on trend of late thanks to their layers of complexity.

California's Conundrum ($22.79-$26.79) is the granddaddy of New World white blends. First released in 1989, it's a secret combination of at least five grapes.

The 2013 vintage is a feast of floral aromas and ripe, orchard fruit that drinks as easily with summer salads and seafood as it will with Christmas dinner.

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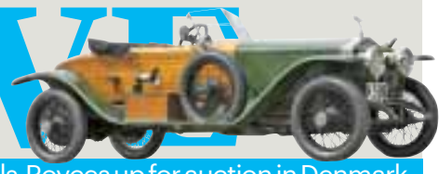

1914 Silver Ghost Skiff among rare Rolls-Royces up for auction in Denmark

More ways to get in the new Mini

REVIEW

BMW adds 5-door model but not much more room

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

The re-invention of the Mini by BMW has been an overwhelming success. People just love its quirkiness, distinctiveness and Britishness. And all that in a vehicle that just plain works. Fun to drive. Practical for its size. Fuel-efficient. Et cetera.

This third generation of BMW's tiny terror leverages even more BMW technology than the first two gens (it will share its platform and drivetrain with the upcoming BMW 1 Series), and the result is a more competent and refined Mini, with some added room inside.

Our test vehicle was the new 5-door Mini, which, debuted with the new-generation platform, gives you even a bit more room. But the rear doors are tiny, and the rear seating area still feels a bit Hobbit-like, so this Mini has not exactly morphed into a daily people hauler. But its ability to carry more stuff, and to get stuff in with more ease, is duly noted and appreciated.

The Mini has always been more about rewarding the driver anyway, and the theme continues with this 2015 model, with its lighter, stronger and stiffer chassis, and new suspension tricks, like the standard and adjustable drive modes, and the optional adjustable dampers. Even without this new tech, the Mini would still be great to drive — its lowness to the ground, and its low centre of gravity, always contribute to a fast and fun feel at the wheel. Almost 200 hp and a slick-shifting 6-speed manual doesn't hurt either.

A big round speedometer famously dominated the original Mini's instrument panel and "roundness" is still the interior theme of this modern Mini. Everything looks and feels less gimmicky inside compared to the previous Mini, but it still manages to be distinctly different and distinctly Mini. A version of the BMW's iDrive controller resides in the centre console to navigate the infotainment and comfort settings. Our tester had the new eight-inch touch screen, which is bundled with the package that gives you navigation, and allows you to enter characters directly on the screen.

This is a lovable car, but there is no getting around the fact that Mini is expensive for a smallish car. I guess another way of looking at it would be that Mini allows you to go small without giving up brand cache, personality, performance, and all the amenities of a premium vehicle.

Lots of great alternatives in this price and performance class, if moving up in size is not an issue and/or if a "real" backseat is more of a priority. The VW GTI would be one for sure to look at if you're leaning that way. Otherwise, there is not much not to like about this new Mini.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 MINI COOPER S 5 DOOR

THE BASICS

Type. Compact, 5-door, FWD hatchback
Power. 189-hp, turbocharged, 2.0-litre I4
Transmissions. 6-speed manual, 6-speed automatic
Price. Base $26,740 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- Folding rear seat expands cargo capacity to 941 litres
- Collision warning and active safety system with (initial) automatic braking
- Available apps for syncing Apple and Android smartphones
- Optional Dynamic Damper Control with "comfort" and "dynamic" settings

COURTESY BMW

POINTS

- 3-door and 5-door the first Mini variants built off the third-generation platform introduced for 2015
- Reduced weight and increased body rigidity to further Mini's legacy of go-cart-like agility
- 5-door's wheelbase expanded by 72 mm and body lengthened by 161 mm, compared to 3-door

MARKET POSITION

- Premium small car prioritized for driving fun
- S model features 4-cylinder 2.0-litre; base Mini powered by 3-cylinder 1.5-litre
- New 5-door model offers more space and access, but doesn't mess with iconic Mini silhouette

THE COMPETITION

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Cabbies look to minivan in Uber battle

TRANSPORT

New York taxis get makeover in face of stiff competition

As New York taxi drivers face surging competition from smartphone cab services, the traditional taxi force in the city that never sleeps is preparing to push back against the likes of Uber.

Spearheading that effort are a spacious minivan — being phased in as the city's taxi firms renew their fleets — and a long-awaited phone app.

A far cry from the checkered cab immortalized as part of New York's hectic image, the Nissan NV200 boasts cushy seats, adjustable air-conditioning in the back, phone and laptop plugs and a panoramic glass roof.

Mr. Chan, a 58-year-old city driver who declined to give his first name, described the minivan as more comfortable than the well-known Crown Victoria, although he has had little customer feedback so far.

New York authorities picked the Nissan to replace the city's aging taxi fleet, as part of a deliberate strategy to fight back against online ride-booking services.

The extra space the cars provide is hoped to give taxis an advantage over Uber's less standardized vehicles.

About 800 of the minivans already ply the streets of New York, according to Nissan, which touts them as a safer alternative to traditional cabs.

With a replacement rate of about 2,600 vehicles a year, according to Nissan, the bulk of New York's entire fleet of some 13,000 taxis is set to adopt the yellow minivan taxis over the next five years.

An app to match

A big part of Uber's lure is that it allows people to summon rides and pay using smartphone applications, with no need for cash on hand or tips. So the second other prong of the yellow taxis' push-back against Uber is an app of their own.

Called Arro, the New York taxi app launched Wednesday also allows users to call a cab using their smartphones' geolocation with the push of a button. Like Uber's app it provides information on where nearby taxis are, and how long it will take them to arrive.

The app has been launched in some 7,000 taxis already and its backers are pushing for it to spread quickly. AFP

The Nissan NV200 Mobility Taxi is unveiled in New York. STAN HONDA/AFP

TWICE AS MANY

The city of New York capitulated in July in a long-running feud with Uber, agreeing to shelve plans to cap the number of vehicles operated by the online ride-booking service.

Uber said at the time it had 26,000 Uber driver-partners in New York, far surpassing the city's 13,587 iconic yellow taxis.

Business has slowed down a bit... I used to go to the airport three or four times a week. Now it's more like once every two weeks.

Mr. Chan, one of many taxi drivers worried for the stability of their industry

AROUND THE WORLD

China takes lead in electric-vehicle production

China officially calls them "new energy vehicles," and their production in that country has surpassed that of both Japan and the United States, according to Green Car Reports.

Plug-in electric cars are urgently needed in China where big-city days are filled with so much smog that the sun is but a faint orange dot in the sky. News site Gasgoo, citing figures from the Ministry of Industry published in the Beijing Daily, reports that 25,000 electric, or "new energy," vehicles were built in June alone, almost a third of the 78,000 built there in the first six months of the year.

Not all those vehicles would meet automobile standards here, being classified instead as low-speed or neighbourhood electric vehicles, nor do they serve to remove any of the vehicles currently causing pollution.

From zero to 100 in 1.779 seconds in Germany

German students at the University of Stuttgart have turned heads in the race to reach 100 km/h from zero, in an all-wheel-drive electric car of their making: 1.779 seconds.

That's quicker than a Formula One racecar, which takes just over two seconds, and a full second quicker than a Nissan GT-R, which is one of the quickest gasoline-powered cars on the market to 100 km/h.

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The vegan car shopper dilemma

INDUSTRY TRENDS

It's not always easy to steer clear of leather

Tesla Motors shareholders Mark Peters and Elizabeth Farrell Peters had a simple request for the electric-car maker at its annual meeting in June: Stop offering leather interiors and make Tesla the first "cruelty-free" premium brand.

Shareholders rejected the proposal after Tesla's board said it would delay production of its electric cars. But Tesla CEO Elon Musk seemed intrigued.

"We'll look into it," he said. Last month, the Peterses took delivery of a leather-free Tesla Model S, the second one in their Hurst, Texas, garage.

For car buyers like the Peterses — who have been vegans for more than two decades — leather-free choices are limited. The car-buying site Edmunds.com says 78 per cent of 2015 model-year vehicles have standard leather seats on at least one trim level. In other words, buyers content with basic models can get cloth seats and plastic steering wheels, but as they add options like better engines, heated seats or upgraded speakers, they usually have to add leather seats.

Edmunds says 79 vehicles in the 2015 model year don't require buyers to get leather at any trim level. Those include the Toyota Prius hybrid, the BMW 3 Series and the Volkswagen Jetta. But even some models with cloth or faux-leather seats — like the plug-in hybrid Chevrolet Volt — still have leather-wrapped steering wheels.

That's not likely to change any time soon. Most customers worldwide equate leather with quality, richness and comfort, says Mel Stephens, a spokesman for automotive seat-maker Lear Corp.

"Vinyl is good, but leather is better," he said. "People like natural materials."

Luxury automakers, including Audi and Cadillac, say requests for non-leather interiors are rare. Even when they get them, high-volume automakers can't necessarily stop the assembly line and make a personalized car. Ford won't replace leather seats at the factory, for example, but says dealers can install different seats if a customer requests them.

Mark Peters drives his leather-free Tesla Model S, including a hand-built, non-leather steering wheel, in Hurst, Texas. TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Peters of DLP Advisors, a leather-industry consulting firm, forecasts continued growth in automotive leather over the next decade as luxury car sales increase worldwide, particularly in China. Automakers used around two billion square feet of leather in 2014, or around 45 million cow hides; that was 17 per cent of the global supply of hides. By 2025, that could grow to 25 per cent, Peters said.

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A vehicle interior usually requires two or three hides; some high-end luxury vehicles, like the Rolls-Royce Phantom, use as many as nine.

Environmentalists and animal rights groups say leather tanneries pollute land and water with chemicals like chromium, which the U.S. government classifies as a carcinogen. Raising, processing and transporting livestock also accounts for an estimated 14.5 per cent of all greenhouse gas emissions, according to a 2013 report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Mark Peters was driving a BMW 3 Series with faux-leather seats when he decided to look at a Tesla Model S because he wanted an electric car. Tesla offers cloth seats on case models, but he was annoyed by the standard leather-wrapped steering wheel and the fact that he couldn't get options like heated seats without upgrading to leather. He contacted Tesla in 2012; after a little haggling, the company promised him the non-leather options he wanted at no extra cost, including a hand-built, non-leather steering wheel. He got the car in June 2013.

A year later, the couple decided to order another Tesla, but the premium package they wanted, with perks like trunk lights and a power lift gate, required them to get a leather-wrapped dashboard. This time, Tesla wouldn't budge, so they got a stripped-down, leather-free version, but weren't happy and traded it in. It wasn't until after Tesla's annual meeting in June that the company relented and let them purchase a premium, leather-free Model S.

The Peterses remain hopeful that Tesla will switch to completely leather-free interiors, a move that could have ripple effects across the industry.

"When we buy something, we vote with our dollars," Mark Peters said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DRIVING FORCE

Seal, structure, tread: There's a lot riding on those four tires

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

At first glance, tires look pretty simple: They're just round and black. But they're actually very complex, consisting of numerous layers and specially-formulated rubber compounds.

"The purpose of the tire is to provide the braking, accelerating and cornering capabilities to make the vehicle go where the driver wants," says Ron Margadonna, senior technical marketing manager for Michelin North America. "It's the only component of the vehicle that touches the ground."

Tire manufacturers have to look at three basic elements when designing a tire. The first is the seal so that it holds air, which includes an inner liner made of composite rubber. The only thing holding the tire onto the rim is air pressure, so it's imperative that the tire seals properly.

Next is the structure, including the sidewall, which gives the tire its strength. Finally there's the tread, which has to grip the pavement.

The compound used to make the tread is composed of such materials as natural and synthetic rubber, oil, silica and carbon black, which gives it its colour. Rubber chemists create different formulas, depending on how the tire will be used. Summer tires need a firmer compound that won't get too soft in hot weather, while winter tires need to stay supple in cold temperatures. All-season tires use a compound that's approximately halfway between the two.

The tread's design is a vital part of the tire, and engineers have to ensure that it's the right pattern for the job. "The grooves are for foul weather such as rain or snow, everything but dry," Margadonna says. "The grooves channel the water away. If it was always dry, you wouldn't need them."

The pattern creates blocks of tread, which determine how the tire will perform. Winter tires will typically have numerous small blocks, which create more sharp edges to bite through snow, while high-performance tires will have large, strong blocks to stay rigid during hard cornering.

The edge of the tread is called the shoulder, while the small slits running through the tread are called sipes. These spread open as the tire touches the road, providing even more gripping surface.

The tread eventually wears down with use, and so tire manufacturers mould in small rubber bars, called wear bars, which run across the width of the tire's tread. They're deeply buried on a new tire, but they become easier to spot as the tire wears down. If the tread has worn enough that you can quickly spot the wear bars, then it's time to replace the tire.

TIRE CARE

- Keeping your tires properly inflated can help save gas. A vehicle uses about 20 per cent of its fuel energy just to overcome the rolling resistance of its tires.
- The recommended air pressure is on a label inside the driver's door, while the number on the tire is the maximum it can hold.
- Run-flat tires can support the vehicle's weight even when they're flat, and cars that have them don't have spare tires.

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Connor McDavid tops rookies in EA Sports' NHL 16 with an 82 player rating

JAYS KNUCKLE DOWN IN BEANTOWN Blue Jays starting pitcher R.A. Dickey reacts as a ground ball off the bat of Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts gets by him on Tuesday night in Boston. The Jays entered Tuesday half a game ahead of the Yankees for the lead in the American League East. For the story, go to metronews.ca. JIM ROGASH/GETTY IMAGES

Stro Show back on in the Bronx

MLB

24-year-old tabbed for first post-injury start Saturday

Toronto right-hander Marcus Stroman will make his first start of the season Saturday when the AL East-leading Blue Jays face New York at Yankee Stadium.

The 24-year-old underwent surgery in March after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Toronto general manager Alex Anthopoulos discussed the decision at Fenway Park before the team's Tuesday game against the Boston Red Sox.

"He's completely healthy, that's the first priority and concern for us," Anthopoulos said. "Everything we discussed with him has been health, and everything we discussed with our staff has been health. He feels good. We've checked for inflammation and he's been cleared."

The right-hander's return comes at the right time, too.

Marcus Stroman made a pair of rehab outings in the past week. AL GOLDIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROOKIE YEAR

Stroman was 11-6 with a 3.65 ERA in 26 appearances (20 starts) as a rookie in 2014.

Anthopoulos said Monday's losing pitcher, Mark Buehrle, went back to Toronto to get a cortisone shot in his pitching shoulder. His next scheduled start was pushed back to Tuesday in Atlanta after he was tagged for five runs and nine hits in 3-1/3 innings in an 11-4 loss to Boston on Monday.

"He's done this before," Anthopoulos said of Buehrle. "He's been streaky and came back and pitched really well. The guy's been doing it so long, you don't bet against him."

Stroman made two minor-league rehab starts. He gave up four runs on eight hits over three innings in the second one Monday for triple-A Buffalo.

"We've gone slow with him and he's recovered well," Anthopoulos said. "He wouldn't have been out there and he wouldn't have thrown (simulated) games or rehab starts if there was any concern at all."

At the time of the injury, he was expected to miss the entire season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Thank you to every single person who helped me along this journey. Forever grateful for all of y'all. So many emotions right now! Marcus Stroman in a tweet

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NHL

Stamkos at ease over lack of deal extension

Tampa Bay forward Steven Stamkos is sleeping comfortably at night while Lightning fans are tossing and turning about him not having a contract extension in place with the NHL team.

It's possible that Stamkos may not have a new deal before training camp begins next week. But the 25-year-old Markham, Ont., native is at peace with the situation as talks between his agency, Newport Sports, and the Lightning continue.

"We'll see," Stamkos said. "It could happen tomorrow, it could happen next week. If not, then you get into camp and then you deal with it then and you have discussions."

Steven Stamkos GETTY IMAGES

Stamkos said he and his representatives hadn't yet made a decision about whether they'll negotiate during the season.

He's owed US$5.5 million this season and carries a salary-cap hit of $7.5 million. Stamkos also has a no-movement clause for this part of his contract.

The conventional wisdom is that Stamkos will eventually end up with a deal close to the matching $84-million, eight-year contracts Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane got from the Chicago Blackhawks a year ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Goodell open to changing NFL disciplinary role

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is willing to lessen his role in the player discipline process, but he's still reluctant to give up final say.

Goodell told ESPN Radio on Tuesday the league resists third-party arbitration. The players union wants disciplinary power now held by Goodell to be handled by a neutral arbitrator.

Goodell said he's "very open" to changing his role. After the "Deflategate" scandal last week, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank suggested it may be time to revisit the system that makes Goodell the sole arbiter of cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rouge et Or move to top spot after victorious opener

The Laval Rouge et Or moved into top spot in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport football rankings after opening the season with a 12-9 victory over Montreal.

Laval (1-0) received 20 of 30 first-place votes in the second poll of the campaign. Laval rose one position while the Carabins fell to fourth. Calgary was up two positions to No. 2, Western remained third and Guelph rose one spot to fifth. The top 10 was rounded out by Manitoba, McMaster, Mount Allison, Saskatchewan and UBC. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rooney becomes England's top scorer

EURO 2016 QUALIFIERS

United striker breaks 45-year record in win over Swiss

Wayne Rooney scores his 50th international goal from the penalty spot on Tuesday in London. MIKE HEWITT/GETTY IMAGES

Wayne Rooney broke England's scoring record as the hosts maintained their perfect record in European Championship qualifying with a 2-0 win over Switzerland on Tuesday that secured top spot in Group E.

Rooney slammed in a penalty in the 84th minute for his 50th international goal, eclipsing fellow United player Bobby Charlton's 45-year-old England record.

England had already qualified for next year's tournament in France and lacked intensity for most of the game. But substitute Harry Kane opened the scoring in the 67th minute after a cross from Luke Shaw and Raheem Sterling was then tripped in the area to set up the spot kick for Rooney.

"To be the country's all-time leading goal-scorer before the age of 30 is not something I could ever have dreamed of," the 29-year-old Rooney said.

"I was a bit emotional out there and it's something to be extremely proud of. I'm happy it's done and hopefully I can kick on from here and concentrate on the team and our success in the future."

Switzerland stayed second in the group with Slovenia climbing to third by beating Estonia 1-0. In Slovenia, Robert Beric boosted the hosts' hopes of reaching the Euro 2016 by scoring the winner in the 63rd minute. Lithuania needed an injury-time winner to beat San Marino 2-1 in a game both teams finished with 10 men.

Switzerland could have qualified with a win if Slovenia-Estonia had been a draw, but all three teams remain in the hunt for the second automatic qualifying spot. Switzerland has 15 points with Slovenia on 12 and Estonia on 10 with two rounds of games remaining. The third-place team enters a playoff.

With England having secured a berth in France with a 6-0 win at San Marino on Saturday, the focus at Wembley was mainly on Rooney's quest to break Charlton's record.

When Sterling was brought down in the area, shouts of "Rooney" went up around Wembley as soon as referee Gianluca Rocchi pointed to the spot. And the England captain made no mistake, hitting an unstoppable shot that Sommer got a hand to but couldn't keep out.

Charlton, who also played for United, scored his 49 goals for England in 106 games. Rooney needed 107 matches to get to 50.

"I obviously cannot deny that I am disappointed that I now don't hold this record," Charlton said in a statement. "However, I am absolutely delighted that it is Wayne who now holds this record." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AROUND EUROPE ON TUESDAY

Group C
Belarus 2, Luxembourg 0
Spain 1, Macedonia 0
Slovakia 0, Ukraine 0

Group E
England 2, Switzerland 0
Lithuania 2, San Marino 1
Slovenia 1, Estonia 0

Group G
Russia 7, Liechtenstein 0
Montenegro 2, Moldova 0
Austria 4, Sweden 1

QB Tom Brady (12) in training as New England prepares to face the Pittsburgh Steelers. STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Patriots can't shake spotlight ahead of opener as 'Spygate' replaces 'Deflategate'

There's always something when it comes to the New England Patriots.

With "Deflategate" out of the way for the time being, "Spygate" has resurfaced following a published report of new allegations regarding secret videotaping nearly eight years ago.

The ESPN report, which includes many interviews with anonymous sources, includes allegations that league owners were upset at the way the Patriots were punished for admitting videotaping other teams' hand signals.

"Things are going to be written, things are going to be said, but it's up to us as a team to ignore the noise and just focus on the Pittsburgh Steelers," wide receiver Matthew Slater said Tuesday. "Simple as that."

The Super Bowl champions open the season Thursday night at home against the Steelers.

Included in the ESPN report are details on the scope of the videotaping — saying New England coach Bill Belichick admitted taping signals at more than 40 games.

> **It's not going to help you win the football game, so everything that's said outside this building you can't pay attention.**
> Patriots defensive end Rob Ninkovich

One unnamed owner told ESPN the punishment NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell insisted on for the deflated footballs scandal was really a "makeup call."

Among the penalties Goodell tried to impose was a four-game suspension of quarterback Tom Brady, which was tossed out by a judge, pending an appeal by the NFL.

"It's not going to help you win the football game, so everything that's said outside this building you can't pay attention," defensive end Rob Ninkovich said.

Added wide receiver Danny Amendola: "I'm just focused on the Steelers and getting ready to play the game.

We had a good practice today. Everybody feels good, everybody's running around. We're excited to get it started."

Bryan Stork was the only Patriots player who did not participate in Tuesday's practice.

The centre, who also missed Monday's practice, is sidelined with a concussion. Safety Tavon Wilson (quad) also saw limited action in practice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Tilapia with olives, cherry tomatoes and basil

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Tilapia has a delicate flavour and is budget-friendly. I always like to have a stronger flavoured sauce or topping to match this mild fish. If cherry tomatoes are unavailable, use seeded and chopped plum tomatoes. Serves 4.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 large egg
- 2 Tbsp milk or water
- 1 1/2 lb tilapia fillets (4)
- 2/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs, store-bought
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp diced black olives
- 2 Tbsp diced green olives
- 2 Tbsp chopped basil
- 2 Tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp crushed garlic

Directions
1. Combine the egg and milk and place in a shallow dish. Dip each fillet in the egg and milk mixture then in the bread crumbs. In a nonstick skillet sprayed with vegetable spray, heat the oil and cook the tilapia for five minutes, turning halfway or just until the fish flakes.
2. Combine the tomatoes, olives, basil, parsley, olive oil, soy sauce and garlic and serve overtop the tilapia.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 327
- Protein 38 g
- Carbohydrates 17 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 1.6 g
- Cholesterol 206 mg
- Sodium 574 mg

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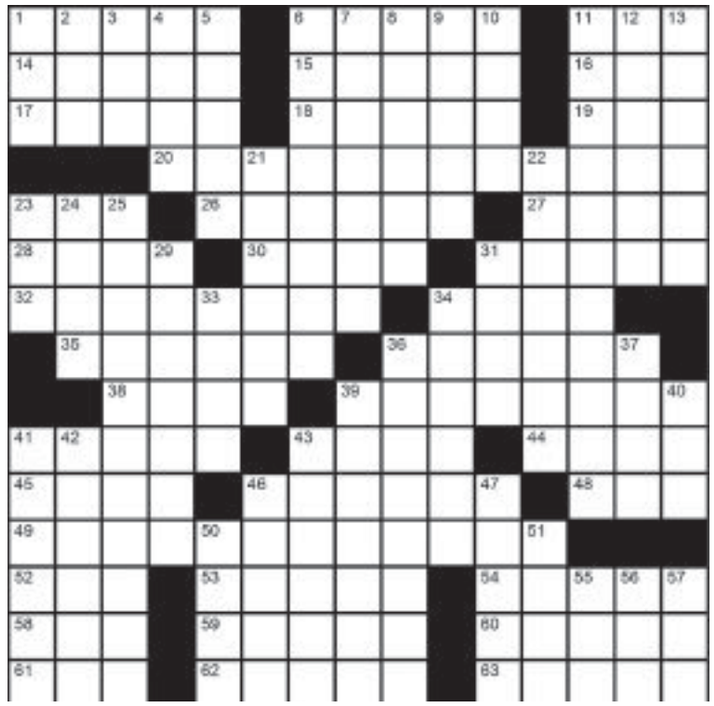

ACROSS
1. September 9th to September 13th, 2015: Manito __ (Festival celebrating Indigenous culture held annually in Winnipeg — its name means 'where the Creator sits' in Ojibway)
6. Mountaineer's spike
11. Gladiator's 102
14. Particular pie
15. Sprang up
16. Everybody
17. Hair lock
18. Sevens: French
19. Theologian's subj.
20. North America, to Aboriginal peoples: 2 wds.
23. Sleeve
26. "Aha!"
27. Hardly __ (Rarely)
28. Whipped flour/butter sauce
30. "The Simpsons" sister
31. Easy-__ (Simple)
32. Prayer beads
34. Axed
35. Mr. Cowell's of the music industry
36. Quagmire
38. Government group in Washington, D.C.
39. Those born with innate talent
41. Boyfriends
43. Rope
44. Plummet
45. Someone sleepy's sound
46. International __ __ (featuring performers in regalia, it's part of this weekend's events, as per #1-Across)
48. Nodful word
49. 1970s style of family vehicle: 2 wds.
52. Aristocratic title
53. Infested, like stored-for-the-summer sweaters
54. Mr. Philbin
58. 100, for short
59. Isle in the Firth of Clyde
60. Talk in a monotone
61. For instances, for short
62. Express
63. Sing, Alps-style

DOWN
1. Liable
2. Feminine pronoun
3. Pre-A.D. time
4. __ meets West
5. Result
6. Bakery offerings
7. Without choler
8. Capital of Kansas
9. Ancient seaport of Rome
10. Headland
11. Inn
12. Ms. Graff's of "Mr. Belvedere"
13. Volunteer's dishwashing time utterance: 2 wds.
21. Reigning
22. __ Islands (Antigua is one)
23. Airport sched. word
24. Li'l hoppers in Australia
25. Indigenous __ __ (As per #1-Across, event this Friday honouring songwriters, singers, and more)
29. _-__ (unspecified quantity)
31. Lima's land
33. Actor Mr. Perlman's
34. Hamburger alternative: 2 wds.
36. Alberta community near the Saskatchewan border
37. Plum-like fruit
39. "What happens next?": 2 wds.
40. Health resort
41. Percy Shelley connector (English poet)
42. Suppertime process
43. Iran-__ Affair (1980s political scandal)
46. Israel's __ (Engagement of April 25th, 1900 that Canadians took part in during The South African War of 1899 to 1902)
47. Long-winded
50. "__ __ surprised as you are!"
51. Emperor of Rome
55. Poseidon, for one
56. Suffix with 'Hero'
57. Montreal seasoning

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
There is no point trying to force others to see things your way because that will make them even more determined to take an opposing viewpoint. All you can do is present them with the facts.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Why are you feeling so guilty about all the fun you've been having? Most likely it is because of those tales of woe you keep hearing from people who have not had it so good. Yes, life is unfair. Too bad.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Social occasions and travel plans are especially well starred, so don't sit there doing nothing, get out and enjoy yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Just because someone has a different outlook to you does not mean you cannot work together or even be friends. Say what you have to say, then open your ears to what they have to tell you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There is no right way or wrong way to do what needs to be done, there is only the way that works, so if you are happy with the way things are going then carry on.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will find yourself in a minority of one today and those who oppose you will be in positions of power. Do you back down? No you do not. Be intellectually aggressive.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something you said a long time ago will return to either help or hinder you today. If nothing else it will remind you that causes have consequences. Remember that the next time you open your mouth.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are rather restless at the moment, especially on the mental level. But that's good. The more you allow your mind to wander the more ideas and insights you will come up with.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will have to spell things out in the simplest of terms for other people today. It would be nice if everyone were as quick on the uptake as you but they are not.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Cosmic activity in the career area of your chart makes this an important time for negotiations. Try to strike a balance between cooperation and forcefulness — you'll get things done and get more money in the bank.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be tempted to speak harshly about someone today, but the planets suggest you will hurt them more if you ignore them. Living well is the best revenge.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Defend your beliefs with every weapon at your disposal. When others challenge your opinion, hit back twice as hard. Give them no quarter. Show them no mercy.

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